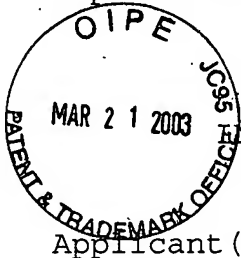


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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
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